

FOR LITTLE FOLKS.

Chorus (smacking) — Whew! — Boston Standard.

The Trouble With Him.

"Rising nicely, ain't he, mamma?" "Jimmy, what on earth have you been doing with Fido?"

"He's just o' three yeast cakes and drank a pan of sour milk." —Chicago Record.

The Fairies Were Camping.



I'll tell you a secret—I don't think you know.

The fairies were camping last night on the lawn. While you were all sleeping outdoors softly creeping.

I found their white tents, but the fairies had gone.

They were in a great flurry, or why should they hurry?

To leave their white tents was a queer thing to do.

Maybe they come only at night when 'tis lonely.

I guess they are sly gypsy fairies, don't you?

—Agnus Lewis Mitchell in St. Nicholas.



Dogs get tired of the stupid people who don't know their names, and who try to feed them with chocolate creams, and who are discontented unless the animal is right in front of his cage just when they happen to be passing by, and above all they must get tired, not to say angry, with the people who tease them. It might be a good thing if once a year these stupid people changed places with the animals. The people would then occupy the cages, and the beasts would come in their Sunday best, with walking sticks and eyeglasses, and have a good time. Uncle Peter happened to mention this idea to his friend, Mr. Howard Fletcher, and the next day Mr. Fletcher sent him this funny drawing. Mr. Fletcher has not, you see, known the people in their cages. I expect he found the subject too sad.—New Budget.

Pet Dogs For Girls.

Girls like pretty dogs, intelligent dogs, and many girls also prefer a big dog, one who can be a protector should occasion require it. A dog fancier to whom the question of selection was referred says: "Mastiffs have uncertain tempers and should never be taken as pets where there are young children. They are often so jealous that they will attack their friends as savagely as they would an enemy. Collies are faithful, but are hard to keep in cities. Retrievers are not, as a rule, good natured. St. Bernards and Newfoundland dogs are trustworthy, but they are too large for house dogs. Perhaps the best large dog for cities is the Irish setter."

As to little dogs, who does not love terriers of all kinds? Every hair bristles with intelligence, but terriers are mischievous rascals and will worry clothing, furniture covers, etc., in their anxiety to show what clever ratters they are.

All long-haired dogs must be carefully tended, washed, brushed and combed regularly if you would keep them in good condition and their coats glossy. A veterinary surgeon says, "One bath a week is sufficient, but brushing and combing should be done every day."

It is very nice to be able to boast of owning a prize dog or one which is thoroughly, but as a matter of fact mongrels are far more intelligent and affectionate. Showmen always select mongrels for trick dogs.

A dog lover says: "Give me a common dog, an ugly dog for a pet, one whom no one else will have. He will be so grateful to me for taking care of him that he would die in my defense." —Brooklyn Eagle.

Comic Combinations.

This is a game which can be made a source of considerable amusement by a party of young people who have some skill, however slight, in drawing. It is not known under any special name, and is played in the following way: Those engaged in it sit around a table, and each is supplied with a piece of writing paper, folded into three parts, and a lead pencil. In the first place each sketches a head and neck—that of a man or woman or of some inferior animal, taking care that his neighbor does not see what he has done, then each refolds the paper so as to hide his or her sketch, but leaves indications of where the neck is on the blank part of the paper, which is folded over it. The papers are then changed hands all around, and each proceeds to sketch a body for the head he has not seen. When this has been accomplished the papers are again refolded as before; another change takes place and all proceed to supply legs to the bodies they have not seen, just as before they supplied bodies for the heads they had not seen. When all this has been done, another change of papers takes place, and then each writes the name supposed to belong to the figure thus curiously compounded, and the result is usually bursts of laughter at the address or the absurdity of the combinations.

Midsummer Night's Dream.

Tommy Ten Year—Children, children, I had an elegant dream last night.

Chorus—What? What?

Tommy Ten Year—I dreamed I dropped into a bucket of ice cream and had

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